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Applicant : Ferass Abuzaina

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action of September 8, 2006, in the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.